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BROADSTAIRS AND ST. PETER'S URBAN DISTRICT

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF - 1963

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Principal Medical Officer,  
Area No. 2, K. C. C.

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Deputy Medical Officer of Health (Part time).

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Chief Public Health Inspector

F. S. Burrow, F.A.P.H.I. (Retired 16.7.63).

C. E. E. Balding, M.A.P.H.I. (From 17.7.63).

Additional Public Health Inspector

G. M. Howitt, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H. (From 26.8.63).

Clerk

Mrs. E. G. Austen

Disinfector, Rodent Operator  
and Mortuary Attendant

W. E. Ralph



KENT COUNTY HEALTH SERVICE STAFF

1963

(In Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District)

Midwives:                   ...     Miss E. G. Chapman, S.C.M.

                              ...     Miss L. Needham, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Health Visitors, School )  
Nurses and Infant Life )  
Protection Officers:

                              ...     Miss E. Brammer, S.R.N., S.C.M.,  
  H.V. Cert. R.S.I. (Retired Oct. 1963).

                              ...     Miss E. Mortimer, S.R.N., S.C.M.,  
  H.V. Cert. R.S.I.

Tuberculosis Health  
Visitor:                   ...     Miss D. Smith, S.R.N., S.C.M.,  
  H.V. Cert. R.S.I.

Home Nurses:               ...     Mrs. I. E. F. Price, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

                              ...     Miss D. Carlisle, S.R.N., S.C.M., I.N.C.

Domestic Help Area  
Organiser:               ...     Mrs. M. Heyes,  
  Mortimer House,  
  24 Hartsdown Road,  
  Margate.

District Officer:     ...     Mr. C. Whitaker,  
  (address as above)

Registrar of Births  
and Deaths:           ...     Mr. S. O. Newman,  
  (address as above)

Public Health Department  
Pierremont Hall,  
Broadstairs.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Broadstairs and St. Peter's  
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of  
Broadstairs for the year 1963.

#### VITAL STATISTICS:

The vital statistics of the Urban District show an increase in the population (as estimated by the Registrar General) of some 230 people. There was an increase in the birth rate compared with 1962 -- 15.90 against 12.62. There was a decrease in the death rate from 13.65 in 1962 to 10.75 in 1963. The infantile death rate was 15.00 compared with 20.9 for England and Wales.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

Except for an outbreak of measles during the first half, there was little infectious disease during the year.

During the year the scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis continued and included all persons up to the age of 40 years, together with certain specified groups. Special sessions were held during the evenings to enable workers to be vaccinated.

#### HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

The health services provided in the town, through the National Health Service Act, are set out in the report in some detail; they are available to all the inhabitants and they are adequate.

Mention should again be made of much good work carried out in the Urban District during the year by members of the staff of the Health Services operated by the County Council, with particular reference to the many and varied duties performed by Health Visitors, Midwives, Home Nurses, Children's Welfare Officers, District Officers, Domestic and Home Helpers, etc., and also the various voluntary organisations in the

town such as the W.V.S., the Old People's Welfare Committee, the British Red Cross Society and many others.

GENERAL:

In conclusion I should like to take this opportunity of expressing to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee my appreciation for their support and encouragement during the year.

It is with regret that I record the retirement in July 1963 of Mr. F. S. Burrow from the post of Chief Public Health Inspector, a position he had held since 1936. He was a most conscientious and loyal officer and colleague, and it is to be hoped he will enjoy a long and happy retirement. His position was filled by Mr. C. E. E. Balding, who has worked in the department since 1938.

My thanks are also due to all members of the local Public Health Department for the loyal and efficient way in which they have carried out their duties; my colleagues in other departments; to the staffs of the Kent County Health Services and the Regional Hospital Board Services covering the Urban District; and to the medical practitioners practising in the area for their willing co-operation and assistance at all times in the public health work of our town.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. L. BROCKLEHURST.

Medical Officer of Health  
and Principal Medical Officer  
No. 2 Area, K.C.C.

JUNE, 1964

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (including Inland Water	--	2,771 acres)	3,033 $\frac{3}{4}$
(Tidal Water	--	262 $\frac{3}{4}$ " )	acres
Population 1963 (Registrar General)	...	...	17,860
Rateable Value (April 1963)	...	...	£761,008
Estimated Sum represented by 1d Rate	...	...	£3,043

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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

<u>LIVE BIRTHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total 1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
Legitimate	105	84	189	191
Illegitimate	6	5	11	17
Totals:-	111	89	200	208
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	11.20	11.80
Adjusted Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	15.90	12.62
Birth Rate, England and Wales	...	...	18.2	18.0
Comparability Factor	...	...	1.42	1.07
<u>STILLBIRTHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total 1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2	2
Illegitimate	1	1	2	1
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Stillbirths)			4.90	4.74

<u>DEATHS:</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total 1963</u>	<u>1962</u>
All Causes	147	173	320	301
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	...		17.92	17.07
Adjusted Death Rate per 1,000 population	...		10.75	13.65
Death Rate, England and Wales			12.2	11.9
Comparability Factor	...		0.60	0.80

<u>INFANTILE DEATHS:</u>	<u>Legitimate</u>		<u>Illegitimate</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Perinatal (under 1 week)	2	1	-	-	3
Neo-natal (under 1 month)	2	1	-	-	3
Infantile (total under 1 year)	2	1	-	-	3

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	15.00
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	...	15.87

MATERNAL MORTALITY: Nil



CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1963

ALL CAUSES			Males	Females
			147	173
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	-	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections	...	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-	-
8.	Measles	...	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	3	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	10	5
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	-	6
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	14	21
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	-	2
16.	Diabetes	...	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	23	40
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	38	23
19.	Hypertension with heart disease...	...	-	5
20.	Other heart disease	...	17	27
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	9	13
22.	Influenza	...	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	...	5	6
24.	Bronchitis	...	12	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	1	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	2	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	2	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	1	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion...	...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	9	12
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	-	-
34.	All other accidents	...	1	6
35.	Suicide	...	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	-	-



CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	A G E I N Y E A R S									
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over	
continued.....				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over	
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	M F	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	- -	
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	M F	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 -	1 -	
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	M F	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2 -	
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	M F	2 1	- -	- -	- -	1 -	- -	1 -	- -	1 1	3 4	2 5	
34. All other accidents	M F M F	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	1 1 - -	1 5 - 1	
35. Suicide													
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M F 147 173	2 1	- -	- -	1 -	3 -	- -	2 3	5 5	21 11	51 52	62 101	



## SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Urban District of Broadstairs and St. Peter's is situated on the extreme easterly coast of the Isle of Thanet, and is bounded by the North Sea and the English Channel. It is sited on an upthrust of chalk which, besides giving a high altitude and good drainage, gives the town the advantage of seven bays sheltered by chalk cliffs, all facing east and south-east. This geographical position ensures a bracing climate of great benefit to visitors and residents alike.

For many years, catering for the holidaymaker has been the main preoccupation of the town. The holiday industry is today changing in character, and although many thousands of holidaymakers still enjoy the undoubted charms and benefits of the town, either for a day or for a longer period, the economy of Broadstairs looks less to this source.

A steady expansion of house building over recent years has attracted more residents to the town who have either retired, or who prefer to live in Broadstairs and travel to London to work using the improved railway facilities provided by electrification. There has also been a corresponding growth in the development of the light industrial area at the rear of the town, and this has given stable employment to a greater proportion of the working population who previously relied on a dwindling seasonal occupation.

### Social Welfare: Elderly People

Throughout the year the needs of the old people continued to receive attention, and whilst much good work is done by the County Council's District Officer, Home Nurses, Health Visitors and Domestic Helpers, the voluntary organisations made a valuable contribution towards the social welfare of the old people in the town.

The members of the Broadstairs Branch of the Old Age Pensioners' Federation and of the 'Over 60' Club, together with the W.V.S., continued to operate their "silent service" by visiting the aged sick, disabled and needy, including the operation of the ever increasing "Meals on Wheels" service. The W.V.S. also operated their "Trolley Shop Service" and "Books on Wheels" service to house bound people. There was also an unprecedented demand on their services during the cold spell of January and February, when blankets and warm clothing were supplied to old folk, additional coal supplied and many other small but essential jobs carried out to relieve this temporary hardship.

Socials, whist drives, concerts, lectures, outings, etc. are arranged and are well supported by the members of the two clubs. Sessions are also arranged for those interested in the arts and handicrafts as and when the need arises.

The "Good Neighbour" Scheme has been inaugurated by the Old People's Welfare Committee and the Broadstairs Rotary Club to cover the needs of elderly people or those in trouble in every road in the area.

Social Welfare: The Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The good work of the Marigold Club was continued during 1963 by the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Branch of the W.V.S. People of all ages are welcomed and catered for at this club, and by meeting each other at these weekly sessions, new interests and friendships are created both for the old and the young who, in the ordinary way, have a greater loneliness in life because of their deafness. Outings, etc., and a party were organised and were much enjoyed.

CLIMATOLOGY:

I am indebted to the Surveyor and Engineer for the following details of the climatological records which have been logged by the Council's Head Gardener:-

Period 1963	A V E R A G E				A C T U A L	
	Temperature				Rainfall Inches	Sunshine Hours
	o Max. F	o Min. F	o Max. C	o Min. C		
January	31.70	26.80	-.16	-2.88	.53	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
February	32.89	28.10	.49	-2.16	.82	77 $\frac{3}{4}$
March	47.80	37.29	8.77	2.93	2.72	133 $\frac{1}{2}$
April	51.33	41.37	10.73	5.20	2.02	157 $\frac{1}{2}$
May	56.39	45.88	13.55	7.71	2.63	208 $\frac{1}{4}$
June	62.17	52.37	16.76	11.31	2.20	183 $\frac{1}{4}$
July	65.58	55.29	18.65	12.94	1.24	244 $\frac{1}{4}$
August	65.84	54.58	18.80	12.54	2.65	171
September	62.13	52.20	16.73	11.22	2.05	129 $\frac{3}{4}$
October	57.10	47.42	13.94	8.56	1.84	110 $\frac{1}{2}$
November	52.80	44.43	11.55	6.90	4.52	69 $\frac{3}{4}$
December	40.84	37.45	4.91	1.36	.84	52 $\frac{3}{4}$
Totals:-					23.56	1,579 $\frac{3}{4}$

SECTION B

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA  
AS PROVIDED BY THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological, pathological and biological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. The laboratory is under the direction of Dr. A. L. Furniss.

Chemical analyses were carried out as hitherto by the County Analyst, County Hall, Maidstone.

General practitioners in the town submit specimens for examination to the Pathological Laboratory at Margate General Hospital, which is under the direction of Dr. H. Sterndale.

Ambulance Facilities

During 1963 a new Ambulance Station, situated in the grounds of Haine Hospital, was brought into operation and serves the needs of the Thanet area. This new station operates 18 ambulances, all of which are equipped with radio-telephone apparatus, making possible the quick diversion of ambulances to meet emergencies, and also enabling the maximum use to be made of vehicles during each journey.

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the following statistics relating to the ambulance service in Thanet:-

Number of patients carried	...	58,030
" " journeys	...	8,928
Mileage	...	210,693
Emergency cases	...	1,592

Home Nursing

This service is provided free by the County Council. Except in cases of emergency and accident, the service of a Home Nurse is available only by authorisation of the patient's doctor.

Domestic Help Service

A Domestic Help Service is operated by the Kent County Council and is provided where necessary in the case of any person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother or aged. The service provided is limited to the performance of essential domestic help.



Elderly people retained in their own familiar surroundings, with a sense of being still actively part of the community, can often fend for themselves if given a little help. It is for this reason that a good home nursing service, together with domestic help through a home-help scheme, can play such an important part in keeping the aged and infirm out of hospital or special accommodation.

The Area Organiser has kindly supplied me with the following information with regard to the work done in the Urban District during 1963:-

Domestic Help Service:-

The average number of cases assisted in Broadstairs and St. Peter's each week was 70. The work was undertaken by 12 part-time helpers.

Family Care Service:-

This service covers cases where a mother is admitted to hospital, etc. and there are two or more children in the household. It has been found better to retain the children in their own homes rather than place them with foster parents or in residential nurseries. It has also been found more economical than boarding the children out. Under this service the care of the children is ensured from the time the husband leaves for work until his return home. During 1963, three cases of this kind were assisted.

Family Welfare Service:-

This is a service to assist specified 'problem' family cases and is an entirely free service. No cases in this category occurred during 1963.

Special Services:

- (a) Evening Service: Help is provided during the evening hours to ensure that those who are incapacitated have assistance to help them undress, fill hot water bottles, see that the fire is safe for the night, etc; these duties take approximately half-an-hour to an hour to perform each evening, including Saturdays and Sundays. During the year two such cases were supplied with evening help.
- (b) Night Service: This service is brought into operation in cases of illness, where a patient cannot be left alone, and is provided in the first instance for a period of three weeks - from 10.0 p.m. to 6.0 a.m. No cases of this nature occurred during the year.

- (c) Chiropody: A chiropody scheme for Old Age Pensioners is operated. This service is available for men over 65 years of age and for women over 60 years of age and may be obtained on application to the District Officer, Margate. Treatment is carried out at the Clinic, 25, St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.

Health Visitors, School Nurses and  
Infant Life Protection Officers

The County Council's Health Visiting, School Nursing and Infant Life Protection Services continued to be carried out in the usual way by the two Health Visitors.

Midwifery Service

The two midwives appointed by the County Council continued to operate the midwifery service in the Urban District.

Family Planning

The Family Planning Association Clinic is well established at Margate Hospital. With the co-operation of the Marriage Guidance Council, a Marriage Guidance Counsellor is available at the Clinic.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

The following tables give particulars of some of the various treatment centres and clinics operated by the Kent County Council and the Hospital Management Committee for the inhabitants of Broadstairs and St. Peter's:-

Treatment Centres and Clinics:	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Child Welfare Clinic:</u>  Beaconsfield House, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Monday and  Thursday	2. 0 p.m. to 4. 0 p.m.

<u>Maternity Clinics:</u>  <u>Exercise Clinics for expectant mothers:</u>  <u>Ante-natal and post-natal Clinic:</u>  25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Wednesday   Wednesday	11. 0 a.m.   2. 0 p.m. to 4. 0 p.m.
<u>Family Planning:</u>  Hut C, Margate General Hospital, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	Monday	6.30 p.m.
<u>Chiropody:</u>  25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs.	Friday	By Appointment

### School Health Services

The following services for schoolchildren are provided by the County Council at the Clinic, 25 St. Peter's Road, Broadstairs:-

Minor Ailments Clinic: Thursday - 9.30 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.

Dental Clinic: Daily (except Friday afternoon) by appointment.  
This clinic is for schoolchildren, nursing and expectant mothers and for the under fives.

### Specialist School Clinics:

Attendance at these County Clinics is by appointment only, application for treatment being made to the County Medical Officer:-

Clinics:	Address of Centres:
Child Guidance	51, London Road, Canterbury
Opthalmic	Child Welfare Centre, College Road, Margate.  The Health Centre, Newington Road, Ramsgate.
Orthopaedic	Child Welfare Centre, Margate.  The Health Centre, Ramsgate.
Speech Therapy	Mortimer House, Hartsdown Road, Margate.
Lip Reading for the Deaf	Child Welfare Centre, Margate.

Clinic Services provided through  
the Hospital Services:

The following clinics, administered by the Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Hospital Board are available, by appointment, for the inhabitants of the Urban District:-

Clinics:	Sessions	
	Days	Times
<u>Chest Clinic:</u>		
The General Hospital, West Cliff Road, Ramsgate.	Monday	9.30 a.m.
	Thursday	10. 0 a.m.



<u>Chest Clinic:</u>  Margate and District General Hospital, St. Peter's Road, Margate.	Tuesday	9.15 a.m.
<u>Chest Clinic:</u>  Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, 38 Canterbury Road, Margate.	Wednesday	9.30 a.m.
<u>Venereological Clinic:</u> (Appointment not required) Margate & District General Hospital, Put E.	Friday (Females)	10. 0 a.m. to 11.0 a.m.
	Friday (Males)	11. 0 a.m. to 12 noon

Hospitals:

The hospital services are administered by the Hospital Management Committee working under the control of the South Eastern Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

Infectious Disease Accommodation:-

Haine Hospital, Thanet.	92 beds.
(Infectious diseases	- 32)
(Geriatric	- 26)
(Dermatology	- 16)
(Medical	- 18)

Smallpox Hospital Accommodation:

The Regional Hospital Board have a scheme in operation whereby smallpox patients may be admitted to the River Hospital, Long Reach, Dartford, Kent.



Convalescent and Childrens' Homes:

Broadstairs has in the past been noted for the number of childrens' convalescent homes which had been sited in the area to give to the children the benefit of the bracing climate. Since the war, however, due to the great improvement in the general health of children, the demand for such homes has diminished and today there are only two, accommodating some 150 children, chiefly from the London area, who need a short period of convalescence after illness or hospital treatment.

Educational and charitable organisations also operate some residential homes for children, and for adults there is a mens convalescent home run by a large insurance company, and several holiday homes affording a welcome summer holiday for needy families.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 37.  
Homes for Elderly People:

These homes are registered by the County Council and come within the jurisdiction of the Residential Services Department. There are three residential homes for elderly people in the district, one administered by the Kent Council of Social Service, with accommodation for 30 old people; one administered by the London County Council with accommodation for 40 residents; and one administered by the "Sisters of the Church [Church Extension Society (Incorporated)]" which has accommodation for 16 retired elderly Sisters.

There are also a number of premises, the proprietors of which undertake to look after elderly people and have their premises registered by the County Council for this purpose; a number of old people are also cared for in the Registered Nursing Homes when rooms are available.

The housing of old people is a problem facing all local authorities and assistance in this direction has been given by the local Council. As part of their housing development they have provided 47 bungalows accommodating both single persons and married couples, and during 1963 completed Linley House. This is a Warden operated Old Peoples' Flatlet block, comprising 20 living units, with a communal lounge, laundry room, central heating and a large garden area. Since its completion the demand for vacancies has greatly increased and it is hoped to extend the present building with the addition of some 11 extra living units.

Public Health Act, 1936: Sections 187 to 194 - Nursing Homes:

The powers and duties for the registration of nursing homes are delegated by the County Council (as supervising authority) to the Urban District Council.

The following table shows the number of homes registered and the amount of accommodation provided for patients:-

Year 1963	No. of Homes	No. of Beds provided for		Total
		Maternity	Others	
Homes first registered during the year	Two	-	32	32
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during the year	Three	-	26	26
Homes on the register at the end of the year	Five	-	79	79

The Council renewed the Exemption Certificates in respect of the exemptions granted under Section 192 (1) of the Act, in relation to four establishments in the town.

#### Mental Aftercare:

A Mental Health Service for the prevention, care and aftercare of mental illness and defectiveness is operated by the County Council, and the District Officer is the appointed "Duly Authorised Officer" for this service.

In the Urban District there are two privately operated registered Mental Aftercare Homes; with accommodation for 34 patients. In addition two former childrens' convalescent Homes are being adapted by the County Council to provide aftercare residential accommodation for both juvenile and adult patients.

#### Road and Home Safety:

These matters continue to be dealt with by a Sub-Committee which consists of nine members of the Council, and three co-opted members representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Ratepayers' and Residents' Association and the Townswomen's Guilds, together with advisory and

consultative members representing the Police, the Education Authority, RoSPA, East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd., the local Hotel and Boarding Association, the Kent Fire Brigade, the W.V.S., the Old People's Welfare Committee, a Health Visitor and the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme Instructor.

The Sub-Committee has plenary powers provided it works within the limits of an approved financial estimate. Representatives are sent to the Thanet Towns Joint Safety Council and to the Kent and Sussex Accident Prevention Federation.

Poster campaigns are carried out at intervals and local organisations are circularised about road and home safety matters.

Satisfactory progress continues to be made with the operation of the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme for Children. Training was carried out by two voluntary instructors. Although one of them ceased to be available after September, instruction is still being given by the other. The Council are most appreciative of the services given by these volunteers. Of the 144 children who passed the test under the scheme in 1963, 73 were boys and 71 were girls. Only six children failed to pass. A copy of the Highway Code is given to each child trained under the Scheme. It is hoped that every child who rides a bicycle will be trained under the scheme either during the last year of attendance at a local primary school or during the first two years of attendance at a local secondary or technical school.

All the local cycle dealers examine children's cycles free of cost and without obligation to engage them to carry out any repairs found necessary.

Financial support is given to the R.A.C./A.C.U. Scheme for the training of motor-cyclists, scooter and moped-riders which is operated in Thanet by the Thanet Towns Joint Safety Council.

As in 1962, the annual Road and Home Safety Exhibition was held on the first Wednesday in August in conjunction with the annual Horse Show and Gymkhana which is organised each year by the Council. About 2,300 people attended the show and many of them visited the exhibition which, as usual, was excellently supported by the County Council, the Police, the Fire Brigade, RoSPA and various local organisations.

The Water Safety Campaign was continued, special posters being displayed in each bay, amongst other places, and copies of the Water Safety Code were on sale at the Harbour Master's Office. Police Officers made special reference to the Campaign when giving safety talks at local schools.



At the end of 1963 Mr. E. F. Sinclair-St. Clair, having obtained an appointment away from the area, resigned from the post of Honorary Road and Home Safety Officer which he had held since 1959, and the Council placed on record their appreciation of his services.

### Schools

The Kent County Council is the Education Authority for the Urban District, and they have provided four new schools since the war, serving the needs of schoolchildren all over Thanet. The eight schools in the town comprise two Technical High Schools (boys and girls), one County and one Voluntary Secondary school (mixed), and two County and two Voluntary Primary Schools. The needs of adults are catered for at Hilderstone, an adult education centre. There are also a number of private boarding and day schools, and schools for delicate and handicapped children.

### National Assistance Acts, 1948/51.

Section 47:- No action was necessary under this section during the year.

Section 50:- One burial was arranged under this section, the assets of the deceased being sufficient to cover the cost of burial.

### Mortuary

The Council's mortuary is situated in the Fire Station Yard on the Broadway and is under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector. By the end of the year work had started on an extension to the building for the provision of a separate viewing room.

During the year 20 bodies were admitted and 19 post mortem examinations were held by the District Pathologist, H. Sterndale, Esq., M.D.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water

The water undertaking is under the control of the Thanet Water Board, which comprises the old undertakings of Thanet, Sandwich, Eastry and parts of the Bridge-Blean and Mid-Kent areas.

It is reported by the Thanet Water Board that:-

"Due partly to the wisdom of past generations, the Board's area (some 100 square miles) is not short of water. The rain which is soaked into the ground is always trying to find its way to the sea and a network of tunnels has been cut through the chalk to trap the water and take it to the wells, where it is pumped to the surface.

Although there is no shortage of water the great problem is to pipe it from Wingham and other stations to the towns. In the winter the Board is called upon to produce something like five million gallons of water a day, but with the vast increase of population in the summer this figure jumps to nine million gallons."

The water supply for the Broadstairs and St. Peter's area is mainly from the Fleete Reservoir, which is fed from the Wingham Wells, and is supplemented by water drawn from the Rumfield's Well in Broadstairs.

The water has no plumbo solvent action.

Strict checks are made to ensure that the water is bacteriologically pure, and to this end a small amount of chlorine is added.

Examination of Water Samples:

Bacteriological examinations were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Preston Hall, Maidstone, at fortnightly intervals and chemical analyses every two months by the County Analyst.

During 1963 the following samples of water were collected and sent by the Public Health Inspectors to the laboratory for examination:-

Bacteriological samples	...	21
Chemical samples	...	6

All these samples were reported as "Satisfactory."

Report on a Sample of Water taken in Broadstairs  
for Chemical Examination on the 18th October, 1963

				Parts per Million
Solids in solution	...	...	...	420
Chlorides	...	...	...	56
Bicarbonate Alkalinity	...	...	...	225
Total Hardness	...	...	...	288
Free Ammonia	...	...	...	0.01
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	...	nil
Nitric Nitrogen	...	...	...	7
Nitrous Nitrogen	...	...	...	nil
Toxic Metals	...	...	...	not detected
Free Chlorine	...	...	...	not detected
pH	...	...	...	7.60

Thanks are due to the Engineer and Manager of the Thanet Water Board for supplying the following information:-

Number of Premises supplied by Public Mains:

Apart from one isolated farm cottage, now disused, which is supplied with well water, every house in the Urban District is supplied with water from the mains.

At the 31st December, 1963, there were approximately 6,780 premises (including business premises) connected to the public water mains. In addition there were 452 metered supplies.

Extensions to the Water Mains during 1963

The following are brief details as to the extensions of water mains during the period under review:-

Linley Road	...	...	160 yds.	3" main
" "	...	...	350 yds.	4" main
Luton House Site, Ramsgate Road	...	...	95 yds.	3" main
North Foreland Road	...	...	110 yds.	3" main
Ranelagh Grove	...	...	80 yds.	3" main
Dane Court Road	...	...	35 yds.	3" main
St. George's Hall Estate	...	...	115 yds.	3" main
" " " "	...	...	135 yds.	4" main
Afghan Road	...	...	42 yds.	3" main

New Water Services Provided:

During the same period the undermentioned water services were laid:-

New services for building and domestic purposes	...	166
" " to vacant plots for future development	...	nil
Non-domestic meter supplies	...	5
Services to allotment gardens, etc.	...	nil

Public Cleansing

The cleansing services are under the direction of the Engineer and Surveyor; these services include drainage and sewerage, the supervision and maintenance of all public conveniences, and the collection and disposal of refuse, salvage, etc., and I am indebted to him for the following particulars on these subjects:-

Drainage and Sewerage:

Main drainage is provided for practically the whole of the district.

242 new premises were connected to the sewer during the year. Two new cesspools were built during 1963 and two old cesspools were abolished.

Public Conveniences and Closet Accommodation:

There are 43 public conveniences maintained by the Urban District Council - 'Gentlemen' 22 and 'Ladies' 21.

At the end of the year there were approximately 7,192 premises with W.C.'s draining into the main drainage system, and by the end of the year the number of premises draining into cesspools was estimated to be 460.



Arrangements are in operation whereby the Council undertake the emptying of cesspools, the cost of which is borne by the person making application for the work to be done.

#### Refuse Collection and Disposal:

House refuse is collected once a week from all private residences, and during the summer a twice-weekly collection was again made from hotels and boarding houses. Trade and garden refuse, excluding builder's rubbish was collected on request on a rechargeable basis.

The refuse collection vehicles consist of two rear loading diesel units with salvage trailer, working full time, and one side loading unit working part time.

All refuse is handled at the Refuse Disposal Works in Dane Valley Road. Dust and cinders are removed by screening, ferrous materials are removed by a magnetic separation unit, other salvageable materials are picked out by hand, and the residue is then incinerated. Salvaged tins and paper are pressed and baled and, together with iron, bones, rags and other materials, are sold to contractors. The approximate sum of £1,300 was realised in the financial year 1963/64 from the disposal of these salvageable materials.

#### Swimming Baths and Pools

Only one public swimming pool was in operation during 1963. This is an open pool of 86,000 gallons, the water being supplied by the Thanet Water Board. Before entering the pool the water is filtered, chlorinated and passed through an aeration fountain. Two samples of this water submitted to the Public Health Laboratory were satisfactory.

#### Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector reports as follows with regard to the sanitary inspection of the area:-

Total number of visits	...	...	5,123
Number of Notices served (Informal)	...		186
" " " " (Statutory)	...		2
" " Complaints received	...		255
" " Nuisances abated	...		417
" " Interviews/general	...		417
" " " housing	...		1,091



The following tables give a summary of the visits, inspections, etc., and the sanitary improvements carried out during the year:-

SUMMARY OF VISITS, INSPECTIONS, etc.				
Inspections and visits re Housing	...			736
Inspections and re-inspections under Public Health Acts				594
Interviews/Visits re Infectious Disease/Disinfection				135
Visits re Sampling	...	...	...	317
Inspection of Butchers' Shops	...	...		171
" " Food Premises	...	...		593
" " Unsound Food	...	...		37
" " Factories and Workshops	...			178
" re the Keeping of Animals	...			56
" and re-inspections re Insect Pests				133
" re Rodent Infestations	...	...		1,709
Shops Act Inspections/Surveys	...	...		235
Interviews re Shops Act...	...	...		84
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	145
TOTAL:-				5,123

# Summary of Sanitary Improvements Carried Out

Choked drains/cesspools	...	...	26
Drains repaired/tested	...	...	3
Gullies repaired/cleaned	...	...	3
Rainwater pipes repaired/provided	...	...	5
Eavesguttering repaired	...	...	2
Roofs repaired	...	...	11
Dustbins provided	...	...	51
Accumulations removed	...	...	39
New W.C. pans fitted	...	...	9
W.C.'s repaired/cleaned	...	...	40
New baths fitted	...	...	1
New wash basins fitted	...	...	6
Sinks and sink wastepipes provided/repared	...	...	7
Ceilings repaired	...	...	9
Internal walls repaired	...	...	13
Windows repaired	...	...	9
Floors repaired	...	...	7
Doors repaired	...	...	5
Ranges and fireplaces	...	...	4
Dampness remedied	...	...	22
Dirty houses cleaned	...	...	2
Water supply repairs	...	...	9
Smells investigated	...	...	10
Premises treated for insect pests	...	...	111
(Bugs	...	2)	
(Cockroaches	...	6)	
(Fleas	...	2)	
(Flies	...	1)	
(Mosquitos	...	1)	
(Silverfish	...	1)	
(Woodworm	...	12)	
(Wasps' Nests...	...	76)	
(Beo Swarms	...	4)	
(Earwigs	...	2)	
(Ants	...	4)	
Keeping of animals	...	...	4
Dogs, fouling of footpaths, etc.	...	...	2
Noise nuisances	...	...	9
Weeds and overgrown gardens	...	...	3
Food Complaints	...	...	8
Shops - general improvements	...	...	29
Miscellaneous	...	...	22

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The work carried out by this authority was continued, as in previous years, on the lines recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Free treatment is given at private dwellings (except in cases of obvious neglect) and business premises are charged according to the extent of the infestation and the time spent on it. This service is widely known in the district and full advantage is taken of it by householders and traders.

The Chief Public Health Inspector attended a meeting of the Kent No. 1 Workable Area Committee for the Destruction of Rats and Mice on the 6th November, which was held at Whitstable.

The following table gives particulars of work done during 1963:-

Type of Property	Number of complaints received:		Number of Properties inspected:	Number of Properties found to be infested by		Total No. of inspections made:
	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>		<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	
Local Authority	6	3	17	7	2	68
Dwelling Houses	147	42	365	165	52	1,460
Business Premises	8	5	18	10	7	120
Agricultural	3	-	6	5	-	61
Totals:-	164	50	401	187	61	1,709

## Shops

Visits were made as follows to shop premises to ascertain whether the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, were being complied with:-

Inspections/surveys	...	235
Interviews	...	8½

A number of sanitary improvements were carried out during the year.

## Factories Act, 1961

The following tables give the prescribed particulars which are required in relation to the above-mentioned Act:-

PART I OF THE ACT				
1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (made by the Public Health Inspectors).				
Premises	No. on Register	Number of:-		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	9	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	61	164	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority	2	5	-	-
Total:-	65	178	-	-



2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND					
Particulars:	Number of Cases in which defects were found				No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Reme- died	Referred -		
			To H.M. Ins- pector	By H.M. Ins- pector	
Want of Cleanli- ness: (S.1.)	2	2	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature: (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences: (S.7).	-	-	-	1	-
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	14	13	-	-	-
Total:-	16	15	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)	
Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)
Wearing Apparel - Making, etc.	8 (Satisfactory)

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Two applications for the renewal of existing licences under Section 1 of this Act were received during the year.

The premises referred to in the applications were inspected and found to be suitable for this purpose, and the necessary licences were granted.

Riding Establishments Act, 1939

This Act is designed to prevent horses from riding establishments being worked whilst in an unfit condition. At the end of the year there were two such establishments in the district, which were inspected from time to time during the year, but no action was necessary under the provisions of the Act.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the Urban District which require to be registered or licensed under the provisions of the above Act.

Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952  
Oil Burners (Standards) Act, 1960

These Acts, together with Regulations made thereunder, prohibit the sale or letting of unguarded electric fires, gas fires and oil heaters.

Routine visits were made during the year in connection with the Acts. In general the manufacturers of appliances incorporate the requirements of the Regulations in their methods of manufacture, and no contravention of the Acts was observed.

Clean Air Act, 1956

The Urban District, being a seaside resort and a non-industrial area, experienced no contravention of the Act during the year.

Four complaints were made regarding alleged smoky domestic chimneys and the burning of garden rubbish, but these incidents were dealt with informally.

SECTION D - HOUSING

The following brief outline of various aspects of the housing work carried out during the period under review will be of interest, and for this information I am indebted to the Clerk of the Council, the Housing Officer and the Public Health Inspectors:-

Improvement Grants

Number of applications submitted	...	42
" approved	...	40
" " but not proceeded with		1
" not approved	...	1

New Properties

The Building Inspector has kindly supplied the following information with regard to new houses erected during the year and the number under construction at the 31st December, 1963:-

Number erected	...	244
" under construction		185

Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority ...	...	676
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The following figures supplied by the Public Health Inspectors are an extract from the Summary of Quarterly Returns by local authorities to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in P.13 Hsg. for the year ended 31st December, 1963:-

A. <u>Houses Demolished</u>	...	nil
B. <u>Unfit Houses or Parts of Buildings Closed</u>	...	nil
C. <u>Unfit Houses made Fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:</u>		
(a) After informal action by local authority...		24
(b) After formal action under Public Health Acts	...	1

D.	<u>Unfit Houses in Temporary</u> <u>Use (Housing Act, 1957)</u>	...	nil
E.	<u>Purchase of Houses by Agreement</u>	...	nil

Letting of Council Houses

During the year 106 applications for housing accommodation were considered. Of these, 71 were placed on the housing list and 45 applicants were offered accommodation. In addition 21 transfers were approved, and 5 exchanges with other Councils were approved and effected. Also 20 old people have been accommodated in Linley House.

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SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The Chief Public Health Inspector has kindly given me the following particulars in relation to the inspection and supervision of food in the Urban District during 1963:-

Milk

All milk sold in the Urban District bears one or other of the Special Designations laid down by regulation, i.e., Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested and Sterilised, as well as the special quality milk known as Channel Island. As an additional safeguard, all the milk sold has been heat treated.

At the end of the year there were 31 registered distributors in Broadstairs, mostly retail shopkeepers.

As the following tables show, all grades of milk are sampled regularly from various points in the chain of distribution - roundsmen, schools, institutions, etc. These samples are subjected to testing by (a) the Methylene Blue Test, which gives an indication of the cleanliness and keeping quality of the milk, (b) the Phosphatase Test, which indicates whether or not the milk has been properly heat treated and, (c) in the case of Sterilised Milk, to the Turbidity Test, to show that the milk has been properly sterilised.

Chemical Analysis of Milk Samples:

Forty-eight (48) samples of milk were sent to the County Analyst for chemical examination, and all these gave satisfactory results. The average composition of samples over the past three years shows the following results:-

		<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Fats %	...	3.7	3.7	3.6
Non-fatty solids %	...	8.75	8.69	8.73

The legal standard below which milk is presumed to be adulterated is 3% milk fat and 8.5% solids not fat.

Bacteriological Examination of Milk Samples

Grade of Milk:	No. of Samples taken:	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
<u>Pasteurised:</u>			
Methylene Blue Test	) 77	73	4
Phosphatase Test	)	75	2
<u>Sterilised:</u>			
Turbidity Test	12	12	-

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2 samples were declared void by the Laboratory because of high atmospheric temperature at the time of arrival.

Meat and Other Foods

Eight-hundred and one (801) visits were made during the year by the Public Health Inspectors to food premises.

Meat:- There are no licensed slaughter houses within the Urban District. Slaughtering facilities are available at Sandwich and Canterbury.

Other English and imported meat supplies are obtained from wholesale firms who have depots in Ramsgate, Margate and Canterbury.

Unsound Food:- The following table shows the foodstuffs condemned and surrendered as being unfit for human consumption. These were destroyed by burning at the Council's Refuse Disposal Works:-

Food		Weights			
		lbs.	ozs.	lbs.	ozs.
Carcase Meat and Offal	...			59	-
Wet Fish:-					
Frozen Dogfish	...			56	-
Tinned Foods:-					
Fruit	...	64	11		
Ham	...	33	-		
Vegetables	...	24	3		
Meat	...	20	12		
Milk	...	5	-		
Soups	...	1	6		
Fish	...	-	9		
Cream	...	-	6		
Rice	...	1	15	151	13
TOTAL WEIGHT:- (2 cwts. 3 stone 13 ozs.)				266	13

### Ice Cream

There were 111 premises which had been registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream, viz:-

Premises registered for:	Number:
The manufacture and sale of Ice Cream ...	4
Storage and distribution of Ice Cream ...	2
Sale of Ice Cream ...	105

A satisfactory standard of hygiene was maintained at those establishments where ice cream was manufactured, and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959, were complied with. Periodical visits were made to these premises during the year. 49 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and these were classified as follows:-

Number of Samples taken:	Number found to be -			
	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV
49	33	13	1	2

#### Other Registered Food Premises

Twenty-three premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods.

The numbers of food premises in the area are as follows:-

Premises:	Numbers:
Bakers ... ..	7
Butchers ... ..	15
Cafes & Restaurants ...	32
Confectionery (Flour)	10
" (Sweets)	27
Fishmongers... ..	4
Fried Fish Shops ...	3
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	19
Grocers ... ..	27
General Stores ...	12
Beach Kiosks ...	12
Total Number of Food Premises ...	168



Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955/60

During the period under review 593 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors to food premises. In some cases verbal intimation was all that was required to draw attention to infringements which must cease or improvements which must be effected.

In seaside holiday resorts such as Broadstairs there must of necessity be a continual repetition of publicity on "Clean Food" matters, as hotels, boarding houses, cafes and food shops have many changes in personnel owing to seasonal demands.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

I am indebted to the Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council for the following information relating to samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, in the Urban District during 1963:-

Article	No.	Article	No.
Beef and Ham paste ...	1	b/fwd.	45
Breakfast Vits ...	1	Minced beef in gravy ...	1
Butter ...	3	Minced turkey in jelly ...	1
Clementines ...	1	Orangeade ...	1
Coloured confectionery	1	Orange Drink ...	1
Coloured rock... ..	1	Pickles ...	1
Currants ...	1	Pork ...	1
Dijex tablets...	1	Pork Luncheon Meat ...	3
Double cream ...	1	Pork Sausages ...	2
Fish cakes ...	2	Raspberry Jam ...	1
Gin ...	2	Salmon ...	1
Ground almonds ...	1	Satsumas ...	1
Ice Cream ...	2	Stewed steak with gravy ...	1
Iversal ...	1	Sultanas ...	1
Lard ...	1	Takazyme Lozenges ...	1
Malt vinegar ...	1	Tangerines ...	1
Mandarins ...	1	Tea ...	1
Margarine ...	1	Vitamin C ...	1
Merocots ...	1	Vits Cee Pellets ...	1
Milk ...	21	Whisky ...	2
c/fwd.		Total:-	68

Summary

Milks.....21  
Drugs..... 7  
Spirits..... 4  
Other samples....36

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All the above samples were satisfactory with the exception of the following

<u>Sample Of</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
Pork Sausages.	Meat content 60% - low.	Maker notified. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

One new licence was issued during the year. The few piggeries now remaining were all inspected during the year, and the plants for boiling swill were all working satisfactorily.

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SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following summary gives the incidence of infectious diseases during the year:-

D I S E A S E S	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	10	9	-
Whooping Cough	25	2	-
Measles	430	-	-
Dysentery (Sonne)	27	6	-
Pneumonia	2	-	2
Food Poisoning	1	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	-
T O T A L S:-	496	18	2

The following table shows the age incidence in relation to the notifiable infectious diseases notified during 1963:-

	Under 1 year	1 - 2	3	4	5	9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 64	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	3	1	8	4	2	6	2	1	1	1	1	1
Measles	7	19	49	46	47	211	40	8	1	1	1	1
Dysentery (Sonne)	1	1	1	3	1	12	1	2	2	3	3	1
Pneumonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Food Poison- ing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals:-	10	19	57	53	50	233	49	10	3	5	4	3

Particulars of notifications:-

Scarlet Fever:

Of the ten cases of scarlet fever reported during the year seven were children from a residential school and the remaining three were members of different families. Nine of these cases were admitted to hospital.

Whooping Cough:

The 25 cases of whooping cough reported during the year occurred during the first and last quarters. Two cases were admitted to hospital.

Measles:

430 cases of measles were notified during the year, the first cases occurring in February and continuing until the end of August.



Dysentery (Sonne):

27 of the above cases were notified during the second and third quarters of the year, five families being affected. Apart from the individual cases occurring in different parts of the town, there were six cases from a children's home, these children being admitted to hospital.

Pneumonia:

Two elderly patients, aged 92 and 76 years respectively were notified as suffering from pneumonia. Both these patients died.

Food Poisoning:

Only one case occurred in this category, being a girl of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years.

Meningococcal Infection:

One case of meningococcal infection was notified at the end of 1963. This was a schoolgirl aged 14 years who, at the time of notification, was at home for the school holidays. She was admitted to hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS:

Five cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. After further investigation one of these cases was regarded as not suffering from the disease and subsequently cancelled in the register. The following table shows the changes occurring in the register during the year. There was a decrease of five in the number remaining on the register at the end of the year compared with 1962.

	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
No. on register at 1st Jan. 1963	41	22	5	7	75
New notifications in 1963 ...	2	3	-	-	5
No. restored to register ...	-	-	1	-	1
No. added to register otherwise than by notification ...	2	2	-	-	4
No. removed from register in 1963 ...	2	2	-	-	4
Recoveries ...	8	3	-	-	11
No. on register at 31st Dec. 1963:- ...	35	22	6	7	70

New Cases and Mortality  
in 1963

Age Periods:	New Cases:				Deaths:			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
T O T A L S:-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925;  
and Public Health Act, 1936 - Section 172

No action was taken during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, nor under Section 172 of the Public Health Act.

Non-notifiable Diseases - Cancer

In recent years much prominence has been given nationally to the subject of cancer generally, but chiefly in relation to smoking and lung cancer. Publicity material discouraging smoking was displayed at suitable sites throughout the Urban District during 1963.

Early diagnosis is based largely on chest radiography. Miniature radiography is of considerable value in sorting out suspicious cases as well as revealing numbers of unsuspected cases.

The number of deaths in this area from cancer of the lung and bronchus was 10 males and 5 females. This shows an increase of one in the number of male deaths compared with 1962.

There was an increase of three in the number of persons who died from cancer of other parts of the body compared with 1962.

## Disinfection

The disinfection of bedding and clothing is done by the Bacterol process of vapourisation, and is carried out at the Council's Disinfecting Station. Infected bedding and clothing is removed in a special van before disinfection of premises is carried out.

## Vaccinations and Immunisations

The following are the particulars supplied by the County Medical Officer, of vaccinations and immunisations carried out in the Urban District during 1963:-

### Poliomyelitis Vaccinations:

This table is based on the return submitted to the Ministry of Health:-

Year	2 Injections (Salk)	3rd Dose (Salk and Oral)	4th Dose (Salk and Oral)	3 Orals (Complete Course)
1963	-	1	* 206 -	17
1962	-	2	-	133
1961	-	16	-	25
1957 - 1960	-	9	-	13
1943 - 1956	-	5	-	34
1933 - 1942	-	7	-	6
Others	-	16	-	13

\* This figure refers to children in age groups 5 - 12.

Diphtheria/ Whooping Cough Immunisation:

The following table shows the number of children resident in the Urban District, in age groups, who were immunised against diphtheria and whooping cough, and the number of those who received reinforcing inoculations during 1963:-

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation (singly or in combination)		Whooping Cough Immunisation (singly or in combination)
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1963	76	nil	76
1962	97	nil	97
1961	6	112	5
1960	1	48	nil
1959	nil	5	nil
1954-1958	6	155	2
1949-1953	2	11	nil
Total:-	188	331	180

Smallpox Vaccination:

The following table gives the figures relating to the above:-

Primary Vaccination 1 Year	Re-Vaccination School Age but Under 8 Years
25	1

During the year 213 International Certificates of Vaccination were authenticated in respect of persons travelling abroad.